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A PEKING DIARY.

(FROM AN OCCASIONAL CONTRIBUTOR.)

November 24th, 1922.

Yesterday we experienced our first heavy fall of snow. The effect was like a downpour of rain in Hongkong—it drove everybody indoors, except those who were compelled to come out; and the streets were half deserted. A funeral was winding its way along Hatamen Street. The band in front beating a drum at solemn intervals, punctuated with melancholy blasts from a long trumpet. The mourners, clad in white robes (looking dirty against the snow on the ground) followed. The coffin was covered with gorgeous trappings; and a procession of mule carts, with white awnings, brought up the rear. The effect was strangely impressive, and reminded me by contrast of the last funeral I saw in Hongkong, along Queen's Road, where a big brass band was playing the "Dead March" too fast; and the black horses and the driver's mourning livery made a grotesque combination.

To-day the sun is shining brightly, albeit it is freezing hard, and the water barrows are covered with long icicles.

On the evening of the 22nd, General Feng made his first appearance on a public platform, when he addressed the Peking missionary body. This was in the gymnasium of the Y.M.C.A., which was packed, many of the men standing throughout the proceedings. The General made a striking figure as he stood there—he is of a huge build, somewhat after Lord Kitchener's style, but absolutely unself-conscious and unaffected. His serene, rubicund countenance is adorned with a coal black moustache. He spoke in Mandarin with much gesture and intonation, often making his audience laugh, but only once smiling outright himself. An American friend was taking notes and afterwards gave an excellent gist of the speech in English.

General Feng bears the burden of his native land on his heart, and talks freely to those who are one with him in sympathy. In speaking of his fellow countrymen, he calls a spade a spade; and at the same time invites criticism of himself, declaring that the man who speaks to him and points out his faults is the man who is his friend. He deplored the fact that Mission Schools and Colleges are often growing too big for the staff to keep in touch with everyone of the students, as they used to do before these institutions became so popular. The students nowadays were too fond of running off at all times to meetings and debates, instead of keeping their nose to the grindstone over their books and attending to their classes. At one Government school a young man in the class interrupted the teacher telling him it was "8 o'clock and time to close."

"No, it is only 7.30," the teacher replied.

"Well my watch says 8, and you must stop. We pay for this building and the light and we pay for you, and you've got to listen to us!"

Last week I met a Chinese friend on the street who was anxious to show me over a rug factory with which he was connected. Passing through an ordinary shop, with which it had nothing to do, he led me to a rambling collection of mean huts. Here were herded together over 200 workers, mostly boys, who work ten hours a day, 7 days in the week, receiving no pay beyond their food. The food seemed hardly adequate for healthy youngsters—rice gruel, raisin cakes and vegetables—with meat twice a month. The apprenticeship lasts 3 years. In the first but men were immersing the boiled wool in kongs of vegetable dye, pretty soft colours of green, blue and red. In other buildings there were the boys weaving the coloured strands on to a frame work of cotton threads stretched tight on a wooden frame. Beginners are only allowed to use what is left over with the waste from other rugs until they acquire skill. It was wonderful to see the deft fingers of the senior boys working rapidly without hesitation and without mistakes.

From this factory we passed to another one where only men are employed who have passed through their apprenticeship. Spread out in the courtyard was a massive carpet just completed—the whole was coloured a rich deep Turkey red. Here the men are paid by piece work and each loom has four partners who share the money. All over Peking these factories are to be found. The buildings, equipment and apparatus are most primitive and simple. The profits enormous. The rugs are of three qualities, and the prices usually range from \$1.20 to \$1.60 a square foot.

Last Friday afternoon many friends of the Union Medical College assembled in the auditorium to witness the unveiling of a memorial tablet to Dr. H. V. Wenham, who died in the old college hospital in 1914. Colonel Gray, physician to the British Legation, Dr. Young one of the staff of the College, and Dr. Hsieh one of the first graduates, all took part. It was rather a sad performance for Wenham had been the light and fire of the College and Hospital at its inception early in this century. He died just before Rockefeller took it up and lavished on it millions of money, and made it what it is to-day. Wenham died in the prime of his manhood, after several years overworked with life, but his pure and noble spirit still lives on and inspires many who personally never knew him. From 1890 and onward, in England, he was my intimate friend. While still a

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SPORT.

CRICKET.

HONGKONG C.C. vs. XI. 2ND XI.

The First XI. will play the Second XI on the Club ground on Saturday, at 2.15 p.m. sharp. Teams:—
First XI.—R. Hancock, T. E. Pearce, R. E. A. Webster, H. Owen Hughes, L. J. Davies, E. G. Lammert, J. D. Humphreys, B. D. O. Morgan, D. B. Peat, J. D. Crawford and A. K. Mackenzie.

Second XI.—W. W. Mackenzie, W. Galloway, D. Reid, E. W. Alderson, G. H. Piercy, M. M. Watson, H. E. Hollands, G. A. Chadwick, L. D. McNeill, F. H. Pentycross and F. O. Miller.

CIVIL SERVICE C.C. vs. INDIAN C.C.

In the above league match to be played on the Civil Service C.C. ground on Saturday at 2.15 p.m., the following will represent the Indians:—A. el Arculli (capt.), J. S. Curran, S. H. Ismail, S. D. Ismail, S. A. Ismail, S. A. R. Ismail, S. A. Rumjahn, A. H. Madar, N. B. Kitchell, E. A. Moosdeen and A. H. Rumjahn.

I.R.C. vs. C.S.C.C.

In this match to be played on the Indian Recreation Club ground, at Sookunpoo Valley on Saturday at 2.15 p.m., the following will represent the Indians:—E. Moosdeen (capt.), I. Hassan, R. Nazrin, F. M. Arculli, Y. A. Wahab, H. D. Rumjahn, O. Rumjahn, A. Kitchell, A. R. M. Samy, A. K. Minnu and J. Acker.

THE "EGYPT'S" INSURED PARCELS.

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student in London he lived, moved and breathed with the one thought of raising up in China a Christian Medical College with the highest standards and attainments.

In this same beautiful College Auditorium, the following Sunday morning, Adrian Taylor, the Professor of Surgery, preached to a crowded congregation. These Sunday Services are a great institution in Peking and attract many outsiders. The organ has an exquisite tone, though almost too powerful for such a building; and during the week there are concerts, cinemas and all sorts of entertainments and lectures.

In one of the College class rooms I am using myself, the other day, counting the different nationalities. There are both men and women—among the Chinese were at least 4 from Canton; two Americans, three British and one Siamese. The Chinese medical student in Peking takes himself tremendously seriously, and works with concentrated earnestness; and is very fond of asking questions in the middle of a lecture. He or she almost always wears spectacles, and these with pronounced tortoise-shell rims.

Peking, from time to time, is convulsed with political storms in a tea-cup. Newspapers are greatly agitated, and at the moment it is the one topic of conversation in official and expectant-official circles. Meanwhile the country goes on as usual—farmers sow and reap (if the robbers allow them to) and merchants buy and sell, and all the other things continue that go to make up life in China, for the Government is a thing apart.

The latest sensation is the "impeachment" of the Finance Minister, Dr. Lo Wenkan, on the charge of making a squeeze over the re-arrangement of German and Austrian loans through the Sino-Italian Bank. Certain members of Parliament, sorry perhaps because they had not had a finger in the pie, bring pressure to bear on the weak government President to have Dr. Lo arrested by the Peking police, and confined in prison. When the poor man is in his prison cell, a bare room containing a cot, other people bring pressure also to bear on the President, who then beseeches Dr. Lo to leave his uncomfortable quarters and come to the President's private residence as his guest! After holding out for some time, Dr. Lo at last yields and accepts the invitation. Meanwhile frantic telegrams are received from Generals and Tachuns in various parts of the country, who all want their say on the rights and wrongs of the case. Re-arrangements of hostile parties and cliques follow. Some of these busy bodies wanted to drag in General Feng; but he is "not having any." He says it is a purely political question and he "has his military duties to attend to." If only these other leaders were equally wise, and would stick to their jobs, and cease these perpetual debates and intrigues, the Government of the country might get a move on and do something.

It will be interesting to see how the President, the Speaker, and others, who have tied themselves up in knots, extricate themselves and "save face." Dr. Lo is a graduate of Oxford and a member of the English bar. He appears to be quite cheerful and enjoying the charge. He still insists on being treated as a prisoner, and demands that the police watch him day and night until such time as he is cleared (or convicted) by the court.

DISHONEST COOLIE SENT TO PRISON.

THEFT OF AMMUNITION FROM THE CENTRAL POLICE STATION.

The case in which a store coolie employed as the Central Police Station, was charged with the theft of 800 rounds of ammunition from the arms store, was disposed of at the Magistracy yesterday, the defendant being sent to prison for six months.

Mr. Woodhouse, Deputy Superintendent of Police, appeared to prosecute and informed the Magistrate that Mr. d'Almeida, who appeared for the defendant at the first hearing, had now withdrawn from the case. He asked his Worship to take a serious view of the case as the man was in a position of trust. He was found in possession of a false key which he admitted having made himself.

The Magistrate: I understand that there is some more ammunition missing! Mr. Woodhouse said that about a thousand rounds were still missing but it could not be proved that the defendant had taken them. When arrested the defendant had in his possession about \$65.

The Magistrate: So that he had probably sold some already?—Yes, I should say so.

The Magistrate ordered the sentence stated above, and an alternative charge of being in possession of ammunition without the permission of the Captain Superintendent of Police was withdrawn.

BLASTING ON THE A.P.C. SITE

BUILDING CONTRACTOR FINED.

The firm of Wing Yik, contractors of No. 25, Gage Street, was summoned before Mr. R. E. Lindell at the Magistracy yesterday for failing to take the necessary precautions in connection with blasting operations on the Asiatic Petroleum Company's site on the corner of Wyndham Street and Queen's Road Central.

Sergeant Dyer said that on Nov. 27th, at noon, he saw a workman lighting a piece of fuse under some stones not more than three feet from the hoarding. The proper warning gongs were sounded; but no covering of heavy timber or of any sort was used. The explosion took place and a lot of dust and small fragments of stone were blown into the street through the open doorway in the hoarding. If the door had been closed, the dust and fragments would have been prevented from reaching the road. Persons passing by might easily have been blinded.

Mr. Bennett, solicitor, who appeared on behalf of the defendant, said it was only a very small explosion under a paving stone. The smallest quantity of black powder was used, and there was nothing dangerous about the affair.

The defendant in the box said that wet gunny bags were placed over the stone. The dust that rose after the explosion came off the bags.

The Magistrate imposed a fine of \$50.

RUBBER SOLE INDUSTRY AT CANTON.

EXPERIMENTAL RUBBER GROWING AT CANTON.

The following is from the Canton Times:—

Canton is preparing to welcome a new industry—rubber sole manufacturing. A reporter of the Times visited the other day eleven small factories, obtained a list of many more in operation or projected; and if everything goes well, there will be at least forty small rubber sole manufacturing plants in Canton. Several others are talking of having equipments for the manufacture of other rubber articles.

The Kwangtung Brothers Rubber Factory at Ouchow, Honan, Canton, the manager of which is Tang Fung Chi, is turning out about 1,850 pairs of rubber soles daily. They command something like 50 to 60 cents a pair. The other company near by, the Kwangchow Rubber Industrial Company, is turning out about 1,500 pairs daily. Not far away, the Yao Ming Company, has a Japanese as expert in charge of the manufacturing process. Most of the small factories have a capacity of about a thousand daily.

There is no large company in project at present, all being small ones with \$15,000 or about as capital.

Rubber planting is being experimented on at the Canton Agricultural Experiment Station, and a small quantity is coming from the Island of Hainan South of Kwangtung proper. The supply at this place is at present very insignificant, and it is more of a possibility than a supply at present; so Canton depends on Singapore for the rubber supply.

Some pavements on the inner streets and concrete sidewalks along the modern roads influence the use of rubber soles to a great extent. Many school girls find rubber soles convenient and comfortable when having to appear on the school grounds for athletic exercises or physical training.

In late years the Cantonese young people have paid more attention to foot-wear, and schools like Pui Ying have a factory to turn out shoes and boots of Chinese and western styles. The Pui Ying Shoe Factory and Salesroom at Sup Pat Po is now one of the biggest shoe houses in that district. It is owned and managed by Pui Ying students. This shoe shop alone uses thousands of pairs of rubber soles from local manufacturers.

HONGKONG WESLEYAN CHURCH.

FOREIGN MISSIONARY ANNIVERSARY.

The Foreign Missionary Anniversary in connection with the above Church was held on Sunday and Monday. The large congregation present on the Sunday evening when the special preacher, Mr. Sato, Headmaster of the Canton Christian College in Hongkong, occupied the pulpit, were delighted with Mr. Sato's picturesque description of his experiences of English home and church life. The preacher chose as the subject of his address the actual and the ideal relations between the East and the West. Evidence of the growth of mutual understanding were marshalled with masterly skill. The great pyramid of Gizeh provided the speaker with an excellent illustration of his theme. As the base, East and West were widely separated by the accidents of race, colour, etc. Students of literature discovered in their common appreciation of the world's classics that the separating distance between East and West was lessened and that they were ascending the pyramid. Artists and art students were surprised to find in art a language common to all, a higher level on which they met. The friendly intercourse rising between the Orient and Occident, the great student movements, drew them together in closer sympathy. A higher level still was reached by the sages in their study of the religious literatures of the world. The old Chinese scholar compared the Bible with his own classics, found similarities and then pondered over the differences. The Western Orientalist was entering into a sympathetic understanding of the Chinese religious teachers. The highest level would be reached, the preacher declared, when "all became one in Christ Jesus." The friendship of Jesus was the all-including friendship in which East and West could unite in mutual understanding, sympathy, harmony and love. The ideal of the Christian family, the common brotherhood, was the real solution of the race question. The address was the carefully reasoned position reached by a scholar, artist, traveller and teacher.

The public tea and meeting took place on the Monday. Mr. McPherson, the General Secretary of the Y.M.C.A. made an excellent chairman. In a short speech he recalled his associations with the Wesleyan Church which extended over many years. He had known Mr. Sato as a brilliant student and now as one of the foremost of the leaders in the Christian Educational movement. Mr. Sato, who had won golden opinions on the Sunday, received a warm welcome. He charmed his audience with further experiences in England, and interested all in his account of the Missionaries and their work in the Wesleyan, Canton District. Mr. Pilkington, a distinguished traveller in connection with the S.P.G. followed with a graphic picture of the splendidly successful Wesleyan Missions in West Africa which he had visited and photographed. Mr. Makeham told of local efforts made on behalf of Missions by means of the publication of a Church record and the circulation of the "Foreign Field" and the yearly contribution to the Wanchai Native Preaching Hall. The superintendent of the Sunday School, Mr. Kirk, reported on the generous sum collected and subscribed by the scholars to Foreign Missions. Mr. Sara felicitously expressed the thanks of the meeting to the speakers and to the ladies who had made a liberal provision for the tea and supper. A special feature of the anniversary was the excellent singing by the choir and congregation. The collections were good.

THE UNION CHURCH.

YESTERDAY'S SALE OF WORK.

The ladies of the Union Church organised a concert and a sale of work in aid of the new pulpit and communion table fund. The concert took place on Tuesday and the sale of work yesterday with very satisfactory financial results.

The fund has been augmented by a further amount of over \$1,000.

The concert was held in the church hall and the following artistes very kindly provided the programme:—Mr. Bowes Smith (at the piano), Mrs. D. J. Brown, Mrs. N. Matheson, Mr. Zelenak, Mr. Edgecombe and Mr. P. D. Wilson. The latter gave selections on his bag-pipes during the concert interval.

Yesterday's sale of work must have meant a lot of hard work for the ladies. Much of the preliminary organisation of the sale fell upon the shoulders of Mrs. A. Mackenzie, who undertook the duties of Hon. Secretary and Treasurer. Most of the articles offered for sale were made by the ladies of the Church, a feature being "the real home-made toffee and candy" which found a ready sale at 30 cents a bag. Home-made scones and pancakes were included on the menu for afternoon tea, and naturally these were in great demand.

The stalls were arranged round the exterior of the church and the children had a great time at the bran tub and at the blindfold-fishing tub.

The ladies in charge of the stalls were: General Stall—Mrs. C. M. Shaw, Mrs. C. C. Hickling, Mrs. Craig and Miss Wood.

The 2nd Stall—Mrs. D. Templeton, Mrs. P. D. Wilson and Mrs. Gloyne. Tea and Cake Stall—Mrs. A. S. D. Cousland, Mrs. J. Henderson, Mrs. J. D. Milne, Mrs. G. Gerrard, Mrs. A. E. Hamilton, Mrs. Carris, Mrs. A. K. Henderson, Mrs. Rodgers and Miss Templeton. Toffee Stall—Mrs. McQuinn and Mrs. J. Stewart. Bran Tub—Mrs. Macdonald. Blindfold Fishing—Mrs. Dorey.

THE "SUI AN" PIRACY COMMISSION.

A MILITARY OFFICER'S SUGGESTIONS FOR DEFENCE.

EVIDENCE BY THE PASSENGER WHO ACTED AS INTERPRETER.

The third sitting of the Commission appointed to inquire into the piracy on the Hongkong, Canton and Macao Steamboat Co.'s s.s. *Sui An*, on November 19th, "and to consider whether the existing precautions against piracy are adequate and efficient," was held in the Legislative Council Chamber yesterday afternoon.

The Chairman (Mr. J. B. Wood), presided, and the other Commissioners present were: the Harbour Master (Commander C. W. Beckwith, R.N.), The Hon. Mr. C. McI. Messer, Capt. Lake, and Mr. H. P. White.

Mr. W. E. L. Shenton appeared for the Hongkong, Canton and Macao Steamboat Company, Mr. E. Davidson, under the instructions of the Marine Officers' Guild, for the officers of the *Sui An*, Mr. H. K. Hung for the Comproadors, and Mr. H. Lyon for Mr. Hawthorne and Mr. Mrs. and Miss Pearson.

EVIDENCE BY PASSENGERS.

Lieut. Colonel Roberts, who was the first witness, suggested that the guards should be told off to protect the bridge only. The front of the bridge should be bullet proof in order to protect them. Of course, it would be quite possible for bombs to be thrown on the bridge but he thought this might be met by placing wire netting there. He was of the opinion that if the guards had been concentrated there, they could put up a very good fight. He mentioned that he only saw one closed grill.

Mr. Pearson said that when the attack started he rushed upstairs to his wife and daughter but was met by pirates who mistook him for the pursuer. He was taken to the pursuer's room and searched. One of the men said "You are the pursuer."

The Chairman: Did he speak English. Witness: Just a little.

Can you speak Chinese?—No, I cannot. I should have told them something if I could.

MR. HAWTHORNE'S EXPERIENCES.

Mr. Hawthorne stated that the attack commenced about 5.55 p.m. "I heard a burst of fire coming from aft," he said. "I jumped up and saw an Indian guard surrounded by about five or six men. Then there were two pirates in front of me rushing forward. It appeared to me the Indian guard was firing on the two men. I bundled Mrs. and Miss Pearson into the Chief Officer's cabin. By that time one of the pirates had got just forward of the grill. He had a revolver. I made a dive and caught him by the throat with my left hand and took hold of the hand carrying the revolver with my right. I particularly noticed that he was a left handed man. I got hold of his revolver and it went off. I felt a stinging pain in the knee. I lifted him up—he was a fellow about five feet, a thin, skinny fellow—and got him half way over the rails, when I felt a hit on the left foot and all of a sudden I went down. I think it must have been the shot that entered my left side. The pirate dropped down and as he got up he took two shots at me with his revolver, but there was nothing in it for I distinctly heard two clicks. After that he jumped on my stomach. All the pirates were coming from aft and yet I had two revolver wounds fired from forward. Where those bullets came from I don't know. I think I must have lost consciousness. I came to I think about an hour afterwards."

The witness also said that, at intervals of about an hour, four or five pirates trooped from aft to forward, apparently to relieve others. He was lying on his back until 4 or 5 o'clock the next morning. Then the No. 1 winter came round with three pirates and dragged him into the stokehold. He managed to get up on the settee and had a clear view of four pirates for quite an hour. Two of them wore masks. He would recognise the other two easily if he saw them again.

THE INTERPRETER DURING THE PIRACY.

Mr. E. Haroon, who acted as interpreter on the ship during the piracy, said that he was playing dice in the stokehold prior to the attack when he heard firing of shots. A friend said, "The ship is on fire," and then somebody shouted "Pirates pirates!" Three robbers then came in with some passengers," said Mr. Haroon. "They had red paper bands on their revolvers. They told us to put up our hands and one or two of the robbers fired towards the floor. One or two of the passengers attempted to run to the bow. One was a French priest and, I believe, they pulled him back and shot him in the leg. They searched the passengers, but they did not search me, for I said I have no money."

The pirates were searching for an interpreter and witness eventually volunteered. They gave him a cup of tea and said "Cool yourself down." Then they gave him the pass word.

The Chairman: What was the pass word?

Witness: "Ah Tau."

The witness proceeded: "I went forward on to the bridge. I was told to tell the Chief Officer to steer the ship for Cheung Chau. We went that way. There were plenty of lights burning on shore. We nearly touched a little boat on the way. I said to the pirates, 'Why don't you people get junks and clear off?' They threatened to shoot me, saying 'Keep quiet.' Next they asked that the boat should be steered for Swatow."

The pirates were speaking Hakka, but when they addressed him they spoke in Cantonese. "All the lights on the ship were extinguished. He was on the bridge the whole night. On one occasion he tried to go down for a cup of water."

"The pirates pulled me back and brought me some tea and cake. I pretended to feel cold because I was afraid of being shot and one of the robbers gave me a silk long coat. After that a shot went off. They were not smart at handling revolvers and I was afraid they might pull them off accidentally. They were countryfolk."

"Later, someone came up to the bridge. I felt his buttons and asked 'Who are you?' He said 'the Chief Engineer.' About 2 o'clock one of the men asked me if I knew where the purser was. I said 'Yes, I know where he is.' I didn't mind if the Steamship Company lost money; I was not going to be shot. (Laughter.) I went down and found him and the pirates demanded the key of the safe. The key was found and handed over to the robbers by someone."

The Chairman asked whether there were any pirates amongst the first class passengers.

"There was a statement in the newspapers," the witness replied, "about a woman wearing a fur coat. If you want to find that woman I think you can get her. She was with Dr. Fitzwilliam's chauffeur that day. They said the woman was a robber, but that is not so."

The Chairman: Are they in the Colony still?

Witness: No, they left for Heungshan that very day. They did not come back on the boat.

You think there were no first class passengers among the pirates?—No, the pirates came from the back part of the ship.

Replying to Commander Beckwith, the witness said that before the ship stopped they could see a light on a hill. They steered for it. Before getting off the pirates made a final search of the passengers.

When did the sampans come off?—After they had broken open the safe, they hoisted in Chinese. Boats shot off from the shore and when they were half way across, they turned back. The robbers fired and then they came back.

Did you go and see them off?—No, I would not. I hid myself. I was afraid they would kidnap me.

Did you peep over the side?—No, they looked for me, and one of them gave me four dollars.

The witness said he asked one of the pirates how many of them there were and he replied "sixty."

In reply to Capt. Lake the witness said the passengers were not searched at Macao and there would be no difficulty in smuggling anything on board.

Questioned by Mr. Shenton, the witness said the boat should have been seen from Cheung Chau island for they passed very close.

He explained that the pass word *Ah Tau* was a sarcastic remark in Chinese.

The Chairman remarked that Inspector Kent had said that he noticed the Chinese woman on the return journey, when she was with a man and was joined by two other men and one wearing a long coat, and that after the robbers had gone these five persons were not on the ship.

The witness said he would not dispute the statement. The man told him he was going to Heungshan. He also spoke to the woman. The woman was sitting next to him, smiling and laughing. She could speak English. She wore high heeled shoes.

These two people were not on the boat on the way back? No, I did not see them. They may have been in the second class.

You think Mr. Kent was mistaken? I think so, but I would not dispute it. No pirates started from the first class at all. No, they came up from the back.

The witness added that the man he had referred to was now, he understood, on the s.s. *Nanking*.

The Chairman intimated that he proposed to recall Inspector Kent and would probably require this witness to attend again.

Mr. Lam Woo, building contractor, who was a passenger on the day of the piracy, also gave evidence and the inquiry adjourned until to-day.

THE PIRACY REGULATIONS.

OWNERS OF THE "ON LEE" SUMMONED FOR ALLEGED BREACH.

MR. D'ALMADA CONTENDS THAT THE ORDINANCE IS FAULTY.

Yesterday the owners of the s.s. *On Lee* appeared at the Magistracy in answer to a summons for an alleged breach of the Piracy Regulations.

The summons was preferred against Tsang Ching Lau, the Manager of the Sze Yap S.S. Company, 29, Connaught Road Central and two sureties named Li Man Ki, No. 56, Bonham Strand East and Ng Kin Cho of No. 75, Wing Lok Street. The defendants have to show cause why the sum of \$5,000 (the amount of their bond dated November 28th, 1914), should not be forfeited. The summons is brought under the Piracy Prevention Ordinance of 1914.

Mr. H. K. Holmes (the Crown Solicitor) prosecuted and Mr. Leo d'Almada appeared for the defence.

On August 28th whilst the ship was on a voyage from Kowloon to Hongkong and "in the waters of the Colony" and in a danger zone" as defined by Regulation 21 of the Ordinance, it is alleged that a breach of the Regulations was committed by not having the grill doors closed; and by not having the grill doors fitted with locks.

Mr. d'Almada said that he had been instructed to resist forfeiture. He asked for a remand. The Magistrate said he would open the case and then, if necessary grant a remand.

The Crown Solicitor said the facts were that on the day mentioned in the summons Sergeant Shanton boarded the s.s. *On Lee* off Castle Peak. He found the ship was carrying a number of passengers. Grills were provided as required by the Piracy Regulations, but they were not closed. The evidence would show that the grills had been previously painted and the paint had not been scratched or broken, which proved that the grill doors had hardly ever been used. As to locks, there were no locks of any kind on the grills and, though it might be argued by the defence that there were padlocks in the store-room to be used on occasion, they should have been fixed to the grills. "It seems useless and futile," continued the Crown Solicitor, "to keep locks stored away in a place when they might be needed in a case of necessity."

Mr. d'Almada said the wording of the summons was that the boat was "in the waters of the Colony and also in a danger zone." He contended that "within the waters of the Colony" was not a danger zone and went on to say that he had several cases to quote which would conclusively satisfy his Worship that if the offence was committed within the "waters of the Colony" it could not be within the danger zone and, therefore, he had no case to answer.

Mr. d'Almada said the words, "within the waters of the Colony," should have been more clearly defined in the Ordinance. If a place "within the waters of the Colony" was supposed to be within the danger zone then obviously the ferry boats on the harbour were within the danger zone and had to comply with the Regulations. That, of course, would be absurd. The waters of the Colony extended to the limits of Lan Tau Island and Mr. d'Almada argued that a vessel which was within those waters might not have been within the danger zone.

The Magistrate asked for a definition of the word "Hongkong." Did Hongkong mean the wharf at Hongkong or the whole waters of the Colony?

Mr. Holmes contended that as soon as the boat pulled out from the wharf she should comply with the Regulations. In the case of ferry boats they did not come within the Regulations. If the boat was going on a main run and pulled out from the wharf she would have to comply with the Regulations.

Mr. d'Almada interpreted the words "between Hongkong" to mean between Hongkong as a whole. He did not agree that it meant the wharf.

Mr. Holmes said there were three classes of vessels in Hongkong; one was represented by the ferry boats plying within the waters of the Colony, to which the Regulations did not apply. Another class was the river steamers which proceeded on voyages outside the waters of the Colony within a radius of 120 miles. The third class was the big ocean-going vessels which left the port on long voyages. (To this class also the Regulations did not apply.) It was in the second class of vessel only that the Regulations applied. It did not matter if these vessels were in the waters of the Colony or not. They were preparing to leave the waters of the Colony, and therefore had to comply with the Regulations.

At this stage the Magistrate remanded the case to the 14th inst. to hear Mr. d'Almada's argument as to why the bond of \$5,000 should not be forfeited.

AFTER SIXTY-FOUR YEARS.

DIOCESAN BOYS' SCHOOL MAKES ITS FIRST BIG APPEAL.

A LEADING HONGKONG INSTITUTION.

A meeting of the Committee of the Diocesan Boys' School, to discuss the launching of an appeal to the public for funds for the new premises on the Peninsula was held in the Board-room of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation last evening, the Hon. Mr. A. G. Stephen presiding.

Addressing the Committee the Rev. W. T. Featherstone explained why an appeal had hitherto been postponed and said that the Government gave them every encouragement but wanted them to see what support could be obtained from the public before making a grant. If in the next three years \$100,000 to \$150,000 could be raised the Government would put the school governors in a position to make a beginning, and perhaps begin before the money was actually in hand.

It was indicated in the course of discussion that the Government had allotted the School a very fine and extensive site, within half-an-hour of Hongkong by ferry and train or (in the future) tram. The Government also offered \$134,000 for the old site and \$70,000 for the old buildings. Chinese members expressed the opinion that the site was worth far more than the sum allotted—they put the value of land there at \$7 a foot, as compared with the architect's \$4.50 and the Government's \$3 a foot. However, it was explained that the transaction was hardly an ordinary commercial one, seeing that the Government was giving a large alternative site. The Government, Mr. Featherstone remarked, had treated the School very generously in offering such a fine site.

The probabilities of getting substantial support, in the form of annual subscriptions, rather than single donations, from the principal firms were discussed and members of the committee undertook to canvass personally. The Hon. Mr. Stephen remarked that he hoped many firms would support the School in this way, as the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank and the Union Insurance Company had done. Boys from the school with whom he had come in contact had pleased him exceedingly and he believed many firms had received useful additions to their staffs from the School.

Mr. Featherstone mentioned that this was the first big appeal the School had made since its foundation in 1858.

The Hon. Mr. Chow Shou-sen, the Hon. Mr. Ng Hon Tsz and other Chinese members of the Committee promised that everything possible would be done to bring the claims of the School before Chinese merchants and the Chinese community generally.

Several substantial subscriptions were promised there and then and arrangements were made to launch an appeal to the British and foreign community and to make a "drive" of business offices.

FOUR AMERICAN MARINES IN TROUBLE.

CHARGES OF FALSE PRETENCES AND THEFT.

Four American marines of the U.S.S. *Helena* appeared before Mr. Lindell, at the Magistracy, yesterday morning, on two serious charges. The first is that they obtained on December 5th at Jervois Street, from one Au Pin, three rolls of silk valued at \$90.50 by means of false pretences, by making payment of certain notes to the complainant which they said to be good American currency, whereas the notes were not. The other charge was that of stealing a gold ring from No. 304, Queen's Road Central.

The defendants were: First Sergeant Joseph Plumadore, Corporal John Joseph Montgomery, Privates John van Ashley and Charles Henry Bytheway.

All four defendants in turn pleaded not guilty to the first charge, and one of the four said he knew nothing about it. When asked to plead on the second count the four defendants answered in a chorus, "not guilty, your Honor."

Inspector Willis produced the notes and handed them to Mr. Lindell for examination. The Magistrate after inspecting them, said: "These notes look like Russian ruble notes."

Inspector Willis said he thought they were Russian notes, but he was not sure. He asked for a remand.

The Magistrate asked if the Marines would be handed over to the custody of the vessel, or would they be kept in police custody.

The Inspector replied that the ship had already left port and that the defendants would have to be kept in police custody.

The Magistrate: Why do you want a remand?—There may be more cases to follow.

The case was remanded until to-morrow morning.

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Translated into English Verse by G. R. SAYER. Printed and Published by HONGKONG & CO., HONGKONG. Price 3s. Copies may be obtained from the Printers or from Messrs. KELLY & WALSH, Bookellers. [1881]

DANCING.

PALACE HOTEL,
KOWLOON.

By kind permission of Capt. C. S. BUNNING, R.N., D.S.O. The popular JAZZ QUARTET of H.M.S. Titania will play at the above Hotel, on SATURDAY 9th, Dancing 9 p.m. [1883]

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES

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FROM TRIESTE, VENICE, BRINDISI, MASSAUA, PORT SUDAN, PORT SAID, ADEN, COLOMBO, PENANG & SINGAPORE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo are hereby informed that all Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., at Kowloon, whence and/or from the wharves delivery may be obtained.
Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before 6th inst. No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 12th inst. will be subject to rent.
All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Underwriter on or before the 12th inst., or they will not be recognized. All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 15th inst., at 10 a.m., by our Surveyors, Messrs. GODDARD & DOUGLAS.
No Fire Insurance has been effected.
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by DODWELL & CO., LTD., Agents. [1880]

THE 39TH ANNUAL

"AL FRESCO FETE"

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the above Company will be held at 4A, Des Voeux Road Central, Victoria, in the Colony of Hongkong, on TUESDAY, the 5th day of DECEMBER, 1922, at Noon, for the purpose of considering, and, if thought fit, approving the draft new Articles of the Company which will be submitted to the Company which will be submitted to the Company.

A print of such new Articles and a print of the existing Articles of the Company may be seen at the Registered Office of the Company, 4A, Des Voeux Road Central, Victoria, aforesaid, and at the Office of Messrs. DEACON, LOCKER, DEACON & HASTINGS, 1, Des Voeux Road Central, Victoria, aforesaid, and the portions of the proposed new Articles which differ from the existing Articles are indicated by being underlined in red.

Should the Meeting approve or such new Articles with or without modification, the Extraordinary Resolution, namely:—That the new Articles already approved by this Meeting and for the purpose of identification subscribed by the Chairman thereof, be and the same are hereby adopted as the Articles of the Company to the exclusion of and in substitution for all the existing Articles thereof.

AND NOTICE IS HEREBY ALSO GIVEN that a FURTHER EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Company will be held at the same place, on FRIDAY, the 22nd day of DECEMBER, 1922, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving a Report of the Proceedings at the above mentioned Meeting and of confirming it thought fit as a Special Resolution, the above mentioned Resolution.

Dated this 18th day of November, 1922.
By Order of the Board of Directors,
JOHN ARNOLD, Secretary.

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NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

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CONSIGNEES per Company's Steamer.

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BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents. [1871]

Hongkong, 3rd December, 1922.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

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The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, DECEMBER 7TH, 1922.

THE ETERNAL OPIUM PROBLEM.

So long as any traffic in opium exists the agitation for its suppression is certain to continue. Among the cables to-day is one which tells us that the Home Office (London), has issued a statement reviewing the action taken by the British Government under the International Opium Convention in the British Colonies. It emphasises that steady, continuous effort has been made in the last decade to reduce the practice of opium-smoking in the British Colonies and Protectorates where it is prevalent, and explains that the general policy has been to bring the average consumption within moderate limits and, as far as possible, to prevent the illicit introduction of supplies. What is especially interesting about the Memorandum is the conclusion it announces, namely that "it does not seem possible to go further so long as production and distribution is unchecked in neighbouring countries. Complete suppression is only attainable by similar measures in all countries concerned." No doubt the Home Secretary had the Colony of Hongkong well in mind when he penned those words, for they apply to conditions here more forcibly than they apply to any other British Colony. Indeed, very similar views were expressed on the subject by the Hon. Mr. CLAUDE SAVORY in his recent Budget speech: "So long as production and distribution go on practically unchecked in China we shall never get rid of opium in Hongkong. China's ability to completely suppress the cultivation and consumption of opium throughout her wide domains may well be doubted. In the last

days of the monarchy when orders were first issued they were ruthlessly enforced. It was said that the cultivation of opium in China was completely suppressed. Then came the Revolution and a relaxation of control by the new authorities, and there was a recrudescence of poppy cultivation wherever the soil and climate favour its growth. Frequently it was encouraged by the local magistrates and military commanders for the revenue it would bring to their coffers. The people naturally welcomed this relaxation of the prohibition, for the alternative to opium cultivation in the provinces of China where it has been for many years an extensive industry, is widespread destitution and misery. That aspect of the question was emphasised in an informing article contributed recently to one of the Reviews—the *Contemporary*. If we remember rightly—a Naturalist who had spent the greater part of the past year travelling in Western China. Apparently there exists in Government circles in Peking some hesitation to believe that poppy is grown to the extent alleged in the statements which the Anti-Opium Societies issue; but the observations which this unbiased Naturalist records remove all doubts on the subject so far as concerns the principal opium-growing provinces of Western China.

The Chinese Government, in order to manifest to the Powers its interest in the suppression of the cultivation of the drug, has appointed Commissioners to visit the various provinces to investigate the extent to which the prohibition is being ignored; but when the programme of the journeys came to be examined it was found that the Commissioners would be reaching the opium-growing districts after the poppy harvest had been reaped! They could thus view the territory for miles and see nothing to confirm the reports that opium is so widely cultivated! Even if the Ministry of the Interior may be exonerated from drawing up the itinerary with the knowledge that the Commissioners would be visiting districts out of season, it can, at least, be said that the programme proclaimed a lack of intelligence and no proper appreciation of the obligations and responsibilities of the Commissioners who are to make these tours of investigation. When the Anti-Opium Association pointed out to the Minister of Foreign Affairs the uselessness of making these tours of inspection in seasons when the poppy is not in bloom, and that, moreover, the intention to do so was an evasion of the undertaking given by the Chinese Delegation at the Washington Conference, Dr. WELLINGTON KOO at once gave an assurance that the investigations should take place while the poppy is in bloom. An official intimation has since been given that the Ministry of the Interior has altered its arrangements accordingly. Commissioners may investigate and new orders may be issued for the suppression of the cultivation of opium, but we may well doubt the permanence of the prohibition, for the reason that in the opinion of experts no other crops can possibly support the populations in the largest opium-growing districts of China. Not until that opinion is proved to be a delusion can we expect to see a complete eradication of opium from China, for if it is a fact that nothing else can be cultivated which will support the vast population now maintained by the growing of opium, the widespread destitution which must ensue creates a problem far more disturbing to the Government at Peking and to the local authorities. But the prevalence of the opium evil, than in all the talk about suppressing the growth of the poppy in China we rarely hear anything said of measures to support the population which this suppression of the industry must displace. Until we hear of more doing in this direction can we expect to see the cultivation of opium completely suppressed in China!

The leading features of the Al Fresco Fete to be held on Sunday in the compound of the Catholic Cathedral in aid of the poor who are locked after by the Society of St. Vincent de Paul will be found set forth in an announcement appearing among to-day's advertisements.

On or about January 26th, five present members of the crew of the Great Northern Co.'s cable ship *Store Nordiske* are to leave Shanghai bound for Copenhagen in a small sailing yacht. The enterprise has been some time in contemplation, and the day Mr. J. M. Alves very kindly decided to put their plan into operation, the workmen

The Jazz Quartette of H.M.S. Titania has been secured for a dance at the Palace Hotel on Sunday evening.

Ten Treasury summonses came up for disposal before Mr. Lindell at the Magistracy, yesterday. The summonses were brought against the proprietors of the United Garage and the Star Garage for not having placed the necessary receipt stamps on a number of receipts for wages. The Crown Solicitor prosecuted and said that as this was the first batch of cases he did not press for a heavy fine. A fine of \$1 on each summons was ordered.

Pearl White appeared again on the screen of the World Theatre last night, in the famous Fox production, "The Mountain Woman," a seven-reel picture of special magnificence which delighted the large audience and will doubtless continue to attract full houses at every matinee and night show up to Saturday night. Another attractive picture in the programme is the topical "Budget" in which the latest European events are shown.

A Chinese woman living at No. 100, Portland Street, has reported that at 2 p.m. on the 5th inst. four robbers entered her house by forcing open the door to the stairs. Two of the robbers carried revolvers and the others daggers. They drove the complainant and two other inmates into a cubicle where they were bound and gagged. The woman's keys were taken from her and jewellery, clothing and money to the value of \$148 were stolen. The robbers succeeded in escaping from the house before the alarm was raised.

In the *Journal of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene*, the question is asked: Where should one send a tropical patient to with a big liver from malaria, from alcohol, or from want of exercise? The answer is: Not to low ground or over three thousand feet above sea level, nor to the seaside. At a height of from 1,000 to 2,000 is most advisable. In Britain, Braemar in Aberdeenshire, Arimoro or Granton-on-Spey on the Highland Railway, Strathpeffer in Ross-shire, the town of Nairn in Nairnshire. In cases of malarial spleen to Switzerland some 4,000 to 5,000 feet up from middle of January to middle of March, and to the above mentioned places in Scotland from March onward.

In a circular telegram to the district magistrates of the Kwangtung province, and to the high military officers of the Cantonese Army, General Chen Chiung-ming orders a strict enforcement of the Gambling Prohibition. After mentioning the evils of fan-tan and other forms of gambling in the telegram, General Chen, says the *Canton Times*, emphasises his determination not to allow gambling to be revived during his administration, in spite of the financial stringency of the province. "Although orders prohibiting gambling have been repeatedly given by me," says General Chen, "I have heard that in many places in the province this evil practice is still going on under the protection of certain civil and military officials, sometimes even monopolised by them. I have sent out staff officers from Headquarters to investigate in the different districts. Ten days after the receipt of this order if any military or civil official is found guilty of violating my order, and permits gambling he will be arrested and severely dealt with. The district magistrate is responsible for seeing that gambling is strictly prohibited in his respective district."

ROSE DAY COLLECTIONS.

A VERY SUCCESSFUL EFFORT.

The sale of roses in the streets on Tuesday on behalf of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was a great success and the Society's poor fund has benefited to the extent of approximately \$4,300. Over 100 ladies took part in the campaign and Mr. H. W. Bird and the Rose Sub-Committee who organised the sale are to be congratulated on the success which attended it. All the principal thoroughfares, hotels, banks, etc., were patrolled by parties of winsome rose-sellers. The girls of the French Convent assisted in the campaign and collected \$209.44. During the day Mr. J. M. Alves very kindly decided to put their plan into operation, the workmen

CABLES.

LATEST CABLES.
[THROUGH ROUTE'S AGENCY.]

THE SUPPRESSION OF OPIUM SMOKING.

BRITISH GOVERNMENT'S EFFORTS.

LONDON, December 5th.

The Home Office has issued a statement reviewing the action taken by the British Government, under the International Opium Convention, in British Colonies. It concludes by emphasising the steady and continuous effort made, during the last decade, to reduce the practice of opium smoking in British colonies, and protectorates.

A POLICY OF CLOSE CONTROL.

In those places where it was prevalent, the general policy has been to exercise close control over the trade, in order to bring the average consumption within moderate limits and, as far as possible, to prevent the illicit introduction of supplies.

EVERY COUNTRY CONCERNED MUST CO-OPERATE.

The statement goes on to say that it does not seem possible to go any further, as long as production and distribution are unchecked in neighbouring countries, and complete suppression can only be attained by simultaneous measures in all countries concerned.

U.S. BUDGET REPORT.

DEBT REDUCTION OF A BILLION DOLLARS.

WASHINGTON, December 5th.

M. Mellon, Secretary of the Treasury, in the course of his annual report says that the past year has witnessed a further recovery from depression, closing with bountiful harvests. The reduction in the gross debt, during the year, amounts to about one billion dollars, the balanced budget for 1932 showing a surplus of 300 million dollars.

SCARCITY OF LABOUR.

The scarcity of labour is due both to restrictions on immigration and the general resumption of business. The railroads are suffering from under maintenance and inadequate equipment. They find it difficult to move the commodities demanded by business firms. The increased gold holdings of the country have also tended to create an expansion of credit.

OBLIGATIONS OF FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS.

The total foreign Government obligations, due to the United States, on November 15th, amounted to \$10,045,252,000, of which \$9,358,311,000 represented loans under the Liberty Bond Act. The larger amounts under this head are, Belgium, \$342,214,000; France, \$2,997,477,000; Great Britain, \$4,277,000,000; Italy 1,648,034,000; Russia, \$187,729,000.

MACEDONIAN AUTONOMISTS SEIZE A TOWN AND TAKE OVER ADMINISTRATION.

SOFIA, December 5th.

A band of Macedonian Autonomists, numbering some thousands, have seized the town of Kustendil and cut off communication with the Capital, one hundred miles distant. They arrested some of the inhabitants and took over the administration. With the exception of one woman killed, no excesses are reported.

TRADESMEN TO H.R.H. PRINCE OF WALES.

TWENTY-FOUR NEW APPOINTMENTS.

LONDON, December 5th.

The names of twenty-four firms, to whom warrants of appointment as tradesmen to H.R.H. the Prince of Wales are granted have been gazetted. Nine of the firms appointed belong to India, one each to Ceylon, Japan, Malta, and Malabar, and eleven to England.

AMERICAN HOPES REGARDING TURKEY.

"THE HAND OF FANATICISM."

WASHINGTON, December 5th.

A resolution has been introduced into the House of Representatives expressing the hope of the American Government that Turkey will take measures "to stay the hand of fanaticism and lawless violence, and to assure Christians in Turkey all their rights."

ISLAND POPULATION OBJECTS TO TURKISH RULE.

THREATEN TO DEPART AFTER BURNING THE TOWN.

LONDON, December 5th.

It is reported from Athens that at a meeting of the inhabitants of Tenedos, a resolution was passed emphasising the determination of the Island to remain an integral part of Greece. The resolution further declares that if the Island is annexed to Turkey, the entire population will depart, after firing the town and villages.

MORE ITALIAN SHIPS SEIZED BY RUSSIA.

LLOYD-TRESTINO PREMISES AT ODESSA CLOSED.

RIHA, December 5th.

The Soviet Government has closed and sealed the Lloyd-Trestino premises at Odessa, and has also confiscated three steamers laden with Italian merchandise until normal commercial activity is guaranteed to the Russian representative in Italy.

JUDICIAL COMMISSIONER OF WESTERN PACIFIC.

CHIEF JUSTICE YOUNG APPOINTED.

LONDON, December 5th.

Mr. Alfred Karney Young, Chief Justice of the Leeward Islands, has been appointed Chief Justice of Fiji, and Judicial Commissioner of the Western Pacific.

FLOTILLA OF RUM RUNNERS STOCKED WITH CHRISTMAS SUPPLIES FOR DRY AMERICA.

New York, December 5th.

The prohibition navy has put out to sea in an endeavour to check the great flotilla of rum-runners, allegedly numbering one hundred, hovering on the seaboard and stocked with Christmas liquor.

EARLIER CABLES.

IRELAND'S GOVERNOR-GENERAL.

AN UNANNOUNCED APPOINTMENT.

LONDON, December 5th.

Mr. Cosgrave's unexpected meeting with Mr. Healy at Holyhead was the first confirmation of the long-current report of Mr. Healy's appointment, which has not yet been officially announced, though the duties of Governor-General will begin at midnight when the Irish Free State comes into existence as a British Dominion after Royal assent has been given to the Constitution Bill.

AMERICAN PRESS COMMENT.

New York, December 5th.

SUBSEQUENT OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT.

LONDON, December 5th.

In the House of Lords, the Royal assent was given to the Irish Constitution Bill by Royal Commission in the customary form, and subsequently Mr. Healy's appointment was officially announced.

PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES.

LONDON, December 5th.

The last hours of the Irish Provisional Government were full of anxiety, and elaborate precautions were taken to ensure the safety of members of the Dail in anticipation of the possibility of a final attempt by the Irregulars to delay legal enactment of the Constitution. Mr. Cosgrave's departure from Dublin last night was kept secret, and his arrival at Holyhead was unexpected.

It was announced in Dublin to-night, that Mr. Cosgrave has been ordered a two months' rest cure, and has been advised to go to the South of France.

CONTROL OF THE STRAITS.

TURKO-RUSSIAN ATTITUDE.

LAUSANNE, December 5th.

It has now been arranged that the Straits commission shall sit to-morrow to continue the discussion of the freedom of the Straits.

DELEGATES AWAIT FRESH INSTRUCTIONS.

PARIS, December 5th.

The *Petit Parisien's* Lausanne correspondent asserts that while Lord Curzon and M. Barrère have completely agreed with regard to the Straits, the Italians are inclined to agree with Chicherin's proposal.

OTTOMAN PUBLIC DEBT DISCUSSION.

LAUSANNE, December 5th.

The financial sub-committee has discussed the Turkish proposal to allocate part of the Ottoman public debt to succession states of Turkey.

ALLIES REACH COMMON AGREEMENT.

A meeting of the Allies has resulted in a common agreement, which will be presented at to-morrow's conference, at which the Russians and Turks will be present.

FURTHER ALLIED CONCESSIONS?

LAUSANNE, December 5th.

Although secrecy is maintained with regard to the Allied conclusions, the impression is that the Allies will limit the number of warships traversing the Straits, besides offering the Turks a further concession.

TURKS OBJECT TO GREEKS IN TURKEY.

LAUSANNE, December 5th.

Rizkour, the second Turkish delegate, in a statement to journalists, declared it was necessary that the Greeks leave Turkey, including Constantinople, as the two could no longer live together after their late experiences, but the Armenians and Jews could remain.

SERIOUS INCIDENTS AT CONSTANTINOPLE.

CONSTANTINOPLE, December 5th.

Two serious incidents have occurred in connection with the movement of refugees.

U.S. POLITICAL SITUATION.

A PROGRESSIVE VICTORY.

WASHINGTON, December 5th.

The new Progressive bloc in the Senate won a victory when it obtained from the Agriculture Committee a favourable report on the resolution with the object of abolishing the electoral college for the selection of a President and Vice-President.

EMPIRE OPIUM CONTROL.

STATEMENT BY THE HOME OFFICE.

LONDON, December 5th.

The Home Office has issued a statement reviewing the action taken by the British Government under the International Opium Convention in British Colonies, and concludes by emphasising that a steady, continuous effort has been made during the last decade to reduce the practice of opium-smoking in British Colonies and Protectorates where it is prevalent.

M.C.C. IN SOUTH AFRICA.

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BOTH WICKET-KEEPERS INCAPACITATED.

LONDON, December 5th.

In response to Mann's cable, requesting a wicket-keeper to be sent out owing to Livesey being injured, and Brown falling ill, Street of Sussex, sails for South Africa on December 8th.

GERARD BEVAN SENTENCED.

SEVEN YEARS' PENAL SERVITUDE.

LONDON, December 5th.

Gerard Lee Bevan has been found guilty and sentenced to seven years' penal servitude for fraud in connection with the City Equitable balance sheet.

STRONG COMMENTS BY THE JUDGE.

LONDON, December 5th.

Well-known city men and a number of women were among the crowd at the Old Bailey during the closing scene in the Bevan trial.

Mr. Justice Avey, summing up, referred to the suggestion of Bevan's responsibility as chairman of the fire-insurance company being no greater than that of the other directors, and declared that Bevan was undoubtedly the dominating spirit in the company's financial affairs.

Alluding to a certain War Bonds transaction of twenty thousand sterling and the defendant's explanation thereof as "window dressing," his Lordship expressed astonishment that such a transaction was possible in the city to-day.

The jury convicted Bevan on fifteen counts, adding a rider that the offences were possible owing to the other directors not doing their duty.

Mr. Justice Avey, in sentencing the accused, emphasised the effect of the prisoner's conduct in destroying the confidence of the public in the insurance business, and the injury he had done to the city's commercial reputation, while the offence was aggravated by his flight.

AGRICULTURE IN GREAT BRITAIN.

MR. LLOYD GEORGE URGES DRASTIC OVERHAUL.

LONDON, December 5th.

In the House of Commons, Mr. Lloyd George strongly urged far-reaching and drastic overhauling of agriculture as the only means of solving unemployment and securing national safety and prosperity.

SAFEGUARDING OF INDUSTRIES ACT.

NATIONAL LIBERALS ABSTAIN FROM VOTING.

LONDON, December 5th.

The House of Commons has rejected by 289 to 207 votes a Liberal amendment to the address demanding the repeal of the Safeguarding of Industries Act as a protectionist measure.

FORTY-EIGHT HOUR WORKING WEEK.

NOT TO BE LEGALISED.

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BRITISH TRADE WITH JAVA.

SUGGESTION BY FEDERATION OF BRITISH INDUSTRIES.

LONDON, December 5th.

The overseas committee of the Federation of British Industries is recommending its members to adopt a scheme whereby a given number of representative British manufacturers of non-competitive lines shall form a limited company in Java, each to subscribe an agreed sum, for a maximum of eighteen months, the profits to be divided proportionately.

CENTRAL AMERICAN DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE.

BENEFICIAL RESULTS ANTICIPATED.

RIO DE JANEIRO, December 5th.

In addition to the disarmament conference by the five central American republics at Washington of military and naval experts, Brazil, Argentina and Chile will probably confer at Valparaiso in January on the question of disarmament.

MYSTERIOUS CANADIAN FIRES.

Quebec, December 5th.

The fifth recent fire in Canadian Roman Catholic institutions has occurred, destroying the Sulpician Church, and also the seminary and priests' residences.

FAR EASTERN CABLE NEWS.

[THROUGH ROUTE'S AGENCY.]

HONGKONG'S MUTISAI.

THE QUESTION OF THEIR ABOLITION.

LONDON, December 5th.

In the House of Commons, replying to Mr. Charles Roberts in regard to the abolition of *Mutisai* in Hongkong, Mr. W. G. A. Ormsby-Gore (Under Secretary for the Colonies) said that the Governor of Hongkong had recently issued a proclamation, along the lines of Mr. Churchill's statement of March 31st.

NECESSARY LOCAL LEGISLATION TO BE ENACTED SHORTLY.

It was expected that local legislation would be necessary to secure the abolition of *Mutisai*. This would shortly be enacted, and administrative machinery to implement it, would be completed early in 1933.

HOMES IN HONGKONG FOR EMANCIPATED MUTISAI.

Replying to Col. J. O. Wedgwood (Labour) Mr. Ormsby-Gore promised to make enquiries regarding the provision of homes, in Hongkong, for emancipated *Mutisai*.

THE SHANTUNG AGREEMENTS.

Peking, December 5th.

Wu Ching Lien visited President Li Yuan Hung yesterday afternoon, during the discussion it was resolved that as the final Shantung agreement was to be signed that day, the President should immediately send to Parliament the nomination of Chang Shou Tang as Premier. This was done, Wang Tai Hsich countersigning the nomination.

SMOOTH LONDONERS.

ENTHUSIASM NOT IN FASHION.

Every Englishman should be awakened by a great new national spirit and enthusiasm to believe that he was living in a country well worth living in. Such was the view taken by Professor William Caldwell, Professor of Moral Philosophy in the McGill University, Montreal, in an interesting analysis of some features of British national life in an address which he gave on October 17th, to the English-Speaking Union. It was not fashionable in England, he declared, to be enthusiastic about anything. Going about London, he was impressed again and again by the smooth Londoner. There were no angles, no corners about him. This quiet, composed Londoner had certain attractions when compared with the nervous, overworked American type, but the Englishman, he said, had to realise now that his back was against the wall. He had to meet the competition of more vigorous peoples, and peoples making more efforts after national efficiency than he was making.

HONGKONG CANTON RIVER SERVICE.

STEAMER PURCHASED IN SINGAPORE.

SINGAPORE, December 5th.

The Wing Tye Steamship Company has purchased the Ho Hong's *Anjou* for \$35,000.

The *Anjou* is being overhauled here prior to employment on the Canton-Hongkong run.

THE BAVARIAN OUTRAGES.

STIFF-NECKED BAVARIAN PREMIER.

BERLIN, December 5th.

Vorwärts publishes a message from Munich stating that Dr. Von Knilling, the Bavarian Premier, has resolved not to sign the letter of apology required by the Allies for the recent attacks on Allied officers.

M. CLEMENCEAU'S U.S. TOUR.

A VISIT TO WHITE HOUSE.

WASHINGTON, December 5th.

M. Clemenceau, accompanied by the French Ambassador, M. Jusserand, visited President Harding at the White House, and will visit ex-President Wilson to-morrow.

The visit to the White House was purely courteous and without political significance. The veteran ex-Premier remained with Mr. Harding for forty minutes.

ANTHRAX CONTROL.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETS.

LONDON, December 5th.

The International Advisory Committee on Anthrax, established by the International Labour Conference, has met in London.

HOLLAND TAKES ACTION.

THE HAGUE, December 5th.

The Government has tabled a Bill seeking the Senate's approval of the League of Nations convention dealing with the white slave traffic.

GREEK ROYAL EXILES.

PRINCE AND PRINCESS ANDREW OF GREECE HAVE ARRIVED ON THE BRITISH CRUISER CALYPSO.

BRISTOL, December 5th.

Prince and Princess Andrew of Greece have arrived on the British cruiser *Calypso*.

ANOTHER GREEK PRISONER RELEASED.

ATHENS, December 5th.

Papoulas, who was arrested on Nov. 30th, has been released.

OBITUARY.

SIR FRANCIS FLEMING.

LONDON, December 5th.

The death has occurred of Sir Francis Fleming, K.C.M.G., who had a distinguished career in the Colonial Civil Service, his last appointment being Governor of the Leeward Islands, 1898-1901.

He was Colonial Secretary, Hongkong, in 1899.

ABANDONMENT OF INCOME TAX AT SINGAPORE.

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY'S REGRETS.

In the Legislative Council at Singapore last week, the Colonial Secretary, replying to the criticisms of the *Unofficial Members* in the Budget debate, claimed that for the present—and he included a period up to five years ahead—the revenue of the Colony was not based on such a firm bottom that they could afford to do without any of it, and he would like to say how much he regretted, in the interests of the Colony, that His Excellency had bowed to public opinion and had felt constrained to abandon the Income Tax.

In abandoning that tax they had dispossessed themselves of some four millions of revenue. It had also been advocated that they should abandon other forms of revenue such as, he presumed, stamp duties, lower the postal rates, do away with the petroleum tax and reduce the tax on liquor and tobacco. What was the present financial position of the Colony? It actual cash was \$27½ millions. In a despatch recently the Secretary of State told that we required 44 millions to meet the present proposed expenditure on the Municipalities of Singapore, Penang and Malacca. There were also liabilities for the Penang Harbour Board.

The sum estimated in the report of the Commission that would be required to make this city what it should be was 110 millions; and of that sum 44 millions would have to be found in the next five or six years. Where would that 27 millions have gone to? It would have gone. If they were also going to take away all sources of revenue on which the Government of the country and its development could be carried on, they would be leaving a most unfortunate inheritance to their successors. There was heavy expenditure that would have to be incurred.

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THE WORLD'S WIZARD.

CHERIALO AND PALERMO.

A season of laughter, thrills and mystery will commence on Saturday next December 8th at the Theatre Royal by Signor Cherialo and Signorina Magdalena Palermo, the world's foremost magicians, who have entertained huge audiences in England, and America. Miss Magdalena Palermo, who is claimed to be the only Lady Magician in the world, originated her scene entitled "The Garden of Mystery" in New York. It forms a gorgeous setting for all her big illusions and tricks in which she is assisted by Signor Cherialo, Miss Faye and Mrs. Franklin. Miss Palermo does all her illusions on the Fregoli style (as a quick change artist). She changes her dresses to suit the illusion or trick she is presenting. Miss Palermo has a personality of her own and besides her magic acts she presents some great Spanish dances and the Tango Argentino which she does with Mr. Cherialo. Miss Palermo is well known in South America and Spain. She speaks the language like an Andalusian, and in the Spanish dance she displays all the airs and graces of the Spaniard.

Among their new novelties, is the latest thrill which has baffled audiences all over the world, entitled "Sawing Through a Woman." In this amazing thrill which will be the attraction of the evening, a woman is placed in a box, her hands and feet are tied, the box locked and sealed and then sawn through. Apparently the woman must be sawn in half, but actually she is found to be unharmed. That is one of the greatest mysteries invented up to the present. Four or five gentlemen from the audience are invited to be on the stage. They tie the lady's hands, and feet and neck and remain there through the whole illusion.

Mr. Cherialo also will introduce Crystal Gazing, the latest craze in England and America, and he will also present the packing case mystery in which he is nailed inside the box, and escapes in full view of the audience. Any Hongkong resident may bring his own packing case and carpenters provided he advises Mr. Cherialo a few hours before.

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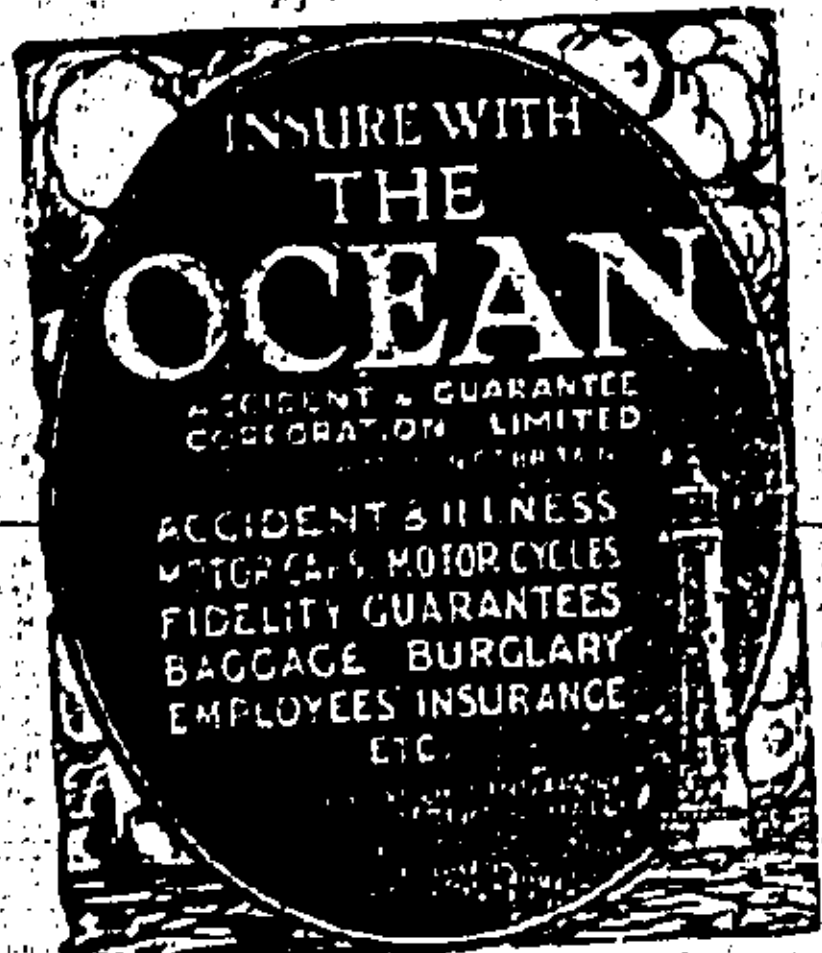
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Frank and full co-operation with France and our other Allies.

Whole-hearted and practical support of the League of Nations.

Maintenance of friendship and good understanding with the United States.

Close and continuous consultation with Governments of the Dominions and of India.

Ratification of Irish Treaty to be the Government's first task. A pledge to safeguard the freedom of choice and the security of the Parliament and Government of Northern Ireland.

Development of India under the Constitution of 1919.

Emergency measures dealing with unemployment.

Reduction of expenditure to lowest attainable level.

Development of trade with the Empire; an economic Imperial conference to consider methods.

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Revision and settlement of reparations and inter-allied debts.

Drastic economy; abandonment of the policy of military adventures abroad.

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Unqualified Free Trade; repeal of Safe-guarding of Industries Act.

Defence of such social services as education, housing, and public health.

Political and legal equality for men and women.

Comprehensive reform of land system; taxation and rating of land values.

Democratic reform of licensing system.

Proportional representation.

LABOUR.

Revision of Peace Treaties; reparations within Germany's capacity to pay.

An all-inclusive League of Nations.

Recognition of real independence of Egypt and self-government for India.

Acceptance of Irish Free State Constitution.

Graduated levy on fortunes exceeding £5,000 to form war debt redemption fund; increase of death duties and of super-tax; no taxation on incomes below £250, and reduction on incomes below £500.

Taxation of land values.

Revision of national grants to secure reduction of rates in severely pressed districts.

Work or maintenance for unemployed.

Reorganization of agriculture. Landlords to sacrifice rents, rather than ask workers to accept starvation wages.

Restoration of the Wages Board.

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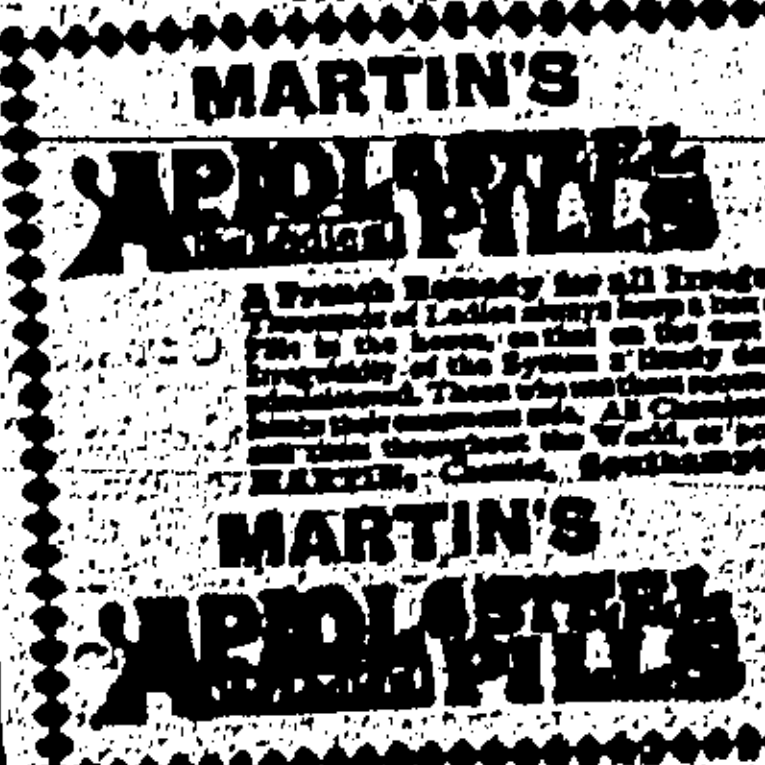
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AMBOISE	24th Nov.	19th Dec.	23rd Jan.
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"RARDINIA"	4,500	24th Jan.	do.
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SHANGHAI & TIENTSIN	"YINGCHOW" ... On 15th Dec., D.L.
SWATOW & BANGKOK	"KALGAN" ... On 15th Dec., 10 a.m.
HOIHOW, PAKHOI & HAIPHONG	"YUNNAN" ... On 15th Dec., 10 a.m.
TIENTSIN	"KUEICHOW" ... On 15th Dec., 4 p.m.
MANILA, CEBU & ILOILO	"TAMING" ... On 15th Dec., 4 p.m.
AMOY & SHANGHAI	"SUIYANG" ... On 15th Dec., D.L.
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